

RESOLUTION NO. 13-778

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that a Ribbon Cutting and Passing of the Torch event to new owners Paul and Kathryn Brasher of Huntsville Franchise of Snelling Professional Services and retirement of Mr. George Barnes, in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Ledges on October 17, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. George Barnes who opened the Huntsville franchise of Snelling Professional Services is retiring. He will be honored for his more than 38 years of accomplishments in the Huntsville community providing jobs, careers, and problem solving for so many customers and companies in Huntsville and surrounding areas; and,

WHEREAS, George was born and raised on a dairy farm in Beaver Dam, Kentucky. He graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1966 with a BS in Agriculture Economics. While at UK, he served as President of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity and lettered two years on the UK golf team. Singing in the Baptist Student Union choir, he met Johnnie Cross, and they married in 1967. George entered the US Air Force in November 1966, and graduated from Officer Training School and pilot training. He subsequently flew 255 combat missions in the Vietnam War in the F-4 and B-52 aircraft; and,

WHEREAS, after leaving the Air Force in 1975, he began his career with Snelling & Snelling by attending training in Paoli, Pennsylvania. Following training, he moved his family to Huntsville, Alabama, to take over the Snelling franchise and partnering with Wayne Williamson who was in Monroe, Louisiana; and,

WHEREAS, George has served the Huntsville business community as the owner of Snelling for more than 38 years. Over this time it is estimated that temporary employees placed by George and his team in Huntsville have worked well over 2 million hours or over 1,100 work years. It is also estimated that over this time, George and his team have placed close to 4,000 professionals in permanent positions across the United States; and,

WHEREAS, George has not only managed his business, but joined his staff by becoming a recruiter of banking professionals across the Southeast. He has built a great relationship with many bank professionals and has enjoyed this phase of his career so much that he does not intend to retire, but to continue recruiting...and playing golf. In his words, he hopes to "go down with a phone in one hand and a golf club in the other." George has been known to "tap the board" when the numbers are down and "ring the bell" when the numbers are up; and,

WHEREAS, among many honors awarded this Snelling office, it has won the Office of the Year and has received the Robert O. Snelling

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award for the top office in the Snelling system. George was the recipient of the Joan Snelling Memorial Award. He won Snelling's Area Manager of the Year nine times. He has been recognized in the Gold Circle, Silver Circle and Bronze Circle for his recruiting excellence. George received the Community Service Award in 2008 for his outstanding contributions to his community while performing with excellence. He received the Founders Award in 2012 as well as Snelling's Public Relations Award for his office's efforts to help businesses recruit and hire America's finest military veterans; and,

WHEREAS, George has had the honor of leading the state associations in both the staffing and recruiting sectors. He served over 20 years on Snelling's National Executive Committee that is elected by peer franchisees. In the Huntsville community, he served for seven years on the Huntsville Planning Commission and served on the Huntsville-Madison County Library Board. He has been President of the American Cancer Society, Huntsville Rotary Club, and North Alabama Sales & Marketing Executives. He served on the Board of Directors of Kentucky Trust Bank for 15 years. He is a member, deacon, and choir member of First Baptist Church; serves on the Personnel Committee and is director of an adult Sunday School Department; and,

WHEREAS, his hobby and avocation is GOLF! He is a 40-year member of the Huntsville Country Club. George has been a member of the Professional Golfers Association and the United States Golf Associations. He has won many golf tournaments over the years including. George continues to shoot scratch golf at the age of 69. He was the American Cancer Society Tournament Champion in 1997, 1999, 2002, 2004 and 2005. He has been the Huntsville Country Club Champion and won the Huntsville Country Club Member Guest Championship. George also won the 2010 Colonels Cup Championship, honoring Colonel Louis G. "Gus" Hergert, Jr. He is also an avid Kentucky Wildcat fan and a loyal member of the "Big Blue" nation, and,

WHEREAS, George credits Wayne Williamson for a great debt of gratitude and role he played as his mentor, modeling an excellent example of how to hire and do business. His wife Johnnie is a retired French teacher. They have two daughters, Kim & Shari, two excellent sons-in-law, and are blessed with four beautiful granddaughters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge and congratulate Mr. George Barnes upon his retirement after more than 38 years as owner of the Huntsville franchise of Snelling Professional Services and extend best wishes for a happy retirement.

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ADOPTED this the 10th day of October, 2013.

President of the City Council of
the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 10th day of October, 2013.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

